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SUBJECT: REYKJAVIK OIG COMPLIANCE UPDATE/REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

REF: A. STATE 2995, B. STATE085363, C. SIO-I-03-61

¶1. (SBU) Post is committed to closing Recommendation 2 in the OIG's 2003 report (ref c) as soon as possible. Post continues to advise the OIG on the status of the Perimeter security Upgrade Project in line with Recommendation 2 in ref c. As previously reported, Post has been denied a permit by the city of Reykjavik to build on the property because of opposition by the neighbors in the vicinity of the Mission.

¶2. (SBU) Post is still awaiting the appointment of a Chief of Mission, a process that has delayed a final decision on the construction project. Due to an anticipated arrival of a new COM sometime in spring 2010, Post requests an extension on the final decision on the project until July 2010. This extension should allow the incoming COM enough time to fully examine this complex issue and make a determination on how to proceed.

¶3. (SBU) POC is Marco A. Fernandez, RSO.

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